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In re Application of Ritchie et al.
Appl. No.: 09/023,259
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHINESE
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: DECISION ON PETITION TO
: MAKE SPECIAL
: 37 CFR 1.102
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed September 4, 1998, to make the above-identified application special.

Petitioners request that this application be made special, but do not list, as a basis, one of the approved sections listed in MPEP 708.02. Those sections are:

- I. Manufacture
- II. Infringement
- III. Applicant's health
- IV. Applicant's age
- V. Environmental quality
- VI. Energy
- VII. Inventions relating to recombinant DNA
- VIII. Special examining procedure for certain new applications -- accelerated examination
- IX. Special status for patent applications to superconductivity
- X. Inventions relating to HIV/AIDS and cancer
- XI. Inventions for countering terrorism
- XII. Special status for applications relating to biotechnology filed by applicants who are small entities

In the absence of petitioner's invention falling under one of the approved sections above, petitioner has failed to meet the requirements of special status under 37 CFR 1.102.

This decision will assume that petitioner had meant to file for special status under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, Section VIII: Accelerated Examination.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and in accordance with MPEP 708.02, Section VIII, must be accompanied by:

- (a) the required fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(i),
- (b) a statement that all claims are directed to a single invention or an offer to make an oral election without traverse should the PTO hold that the claims are not directed to a single invention,
- (c) a statement that a pre-examination search has been made, listing the field of search,
- (d) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims, and
- (e) a detailed description of the submitted references and discussions pointing out how the claimed subject matter distinguishes over these references.

The petition fails to fully comply with parts (b) - (e) above.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is Denied.

Petitioner is given one additional opportunity, prior to the issuance of a first Office action, to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision.

The application is being forwarded to the technology center central files and will await a request for reconsideration or an Office action in its regular turn.



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